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Letter to Sophia Chase

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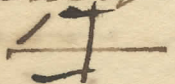
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My dearest Wife [I was almost heart broken
to be obliged to leave London without having recd
any letters from you, or indeed any of my friends
in America. The letter which you wrote me im-
mediately after George left Kingston, and in which you
recited his difficulties is the last that has come to hand.
I fear your health has not continued as usual & that
you are bowed down with the sufferings of our fail-
ing state. Dear Dear, Sophia! how I long to be with you.
There I not convinced by ten thousand proofs too
strong to be resisted, that my absence from you was
imposed of God as a duty, the very thought that the present
juncture of affairs I am in Europe & you in Amer-
ica would set me crazy. But it is God's will, &
as such I must always submit with resignation
to all the dispensations of providence. I have
nothing for you and can do nothing to help you, but
to pray heartily that God for Christ's sake, will send
some ~~man~~ angel to bless you - O may the angel of his mercy
in the hour of danger watch over my dear, dear wife
for good. 

I do not remember when I wrote ~~to~~ you last, but I think
it was since that malignant article, of Mr. ~~Chambers~~, appeared
in the British Critic. This has done the Ohio cause much
harm, & for the present things are somewhat paralyzed.
It is to be hoped however that after the appearance &
circulation of a "Letter addressed to Lord Kenyon" shall have
taken place matters will wear a more favorable as-
pect. This letter is written by a friend who has had the
ministerial agency in my affairs of course understands them
best of any others from the beginning. ~~What a pity it is~~

I dined with Lord Bexley, ^{on the 21st instant} the day before I left
London. There were present several of the nobility and
gentry. Lord & Lady Selwyn were particularly
civil to me & take a deep interest in my affairs.
I saw there also Mr. Latrobe the Head man among
the Moravians. So unworthy as I feel of the many
fold and great civilities & honours which the
first men in England are now beginning to mani-
fest, that were it not for the hope of being of some
use thro' these means to the cause of religion in
my dear country, I would shrink from them
and prefer vastly prefer my ^{humble condition &} ~~unhappy & solitary~~ ^{simple American Bishop} ~~condition~~.
I never was born to make my way among the
great, nor to take my pleasure among the ~~rich~~ ^{world} ~~rich~~
~~sumptuous~~. More satisfaction ~~than~~ ^{would} it give me
to visit the poor and carry the means of reli-
gion among the destitute: and if this latter
were not in view, the former would be ^{undesired} ~~impossible~~.
~~And yet~~ And yet I do not wish to insinuate
by any such remarks as the above that the Rich
and Noble in England are deficient in piety or
humility. Far from it. Their birth and riches
seem to give way to the duties of holiness to
an extent far beyond what is generally believed
in America. Many ~~in~~ noble characters both male
& female would lay all their honours at the foot of
the cross that God might clothe them with the robes of
^{righteousness}

Christ's righteousness.

Now I seem to remember that the last letter I wrote to you was from Great Horsham near Hayland. If so, I think I can give ^{in full} the connexion of events ~~to~~ ^{to} you.

On Monday left the neighbourhood of Hayland with Lord Kensington & Mr G. W. Marriott. — came to Stoke Newington & dined with Dr Gar- king. Took tea same day at Mr Freshfield's an opulent parishioner of the D. — Spacious walk, over many acres even within 4 miles of London &c.

Tuesday, dined Mr Butler with Messrs of Parliament. Bp. of Limerick was present.

Wednesday at Mr Gibbs — Thursday at ^{they did the meeting of the charity children at St. Paul's} Mr Hewitt above Regent's Park Mr Crawley accompanied me & Mr Walks, Editor of the Ch^o Op^{er} — we came in and spent the evening.

Friday with L^d Bexley as above —

On Saturday morning before I set off Mr & Mrs G. W. Marriott & Mrs Pratt came to my lodgings before breakfast to see me; and helped me get off for Oxford. How kind was this in them I have not words to tell. I am to dine to day with Dr Macbride one of the heads of the Colleges with a great many. God give me grace to do that which is right in his eyes. & make me to know myself ~~to be unworthy~~ ^{to be unworthy} ~~without thee~~ ^{without thee} O Almighty Bles'd Saviour I am nothing.

~~I am quite well~~ I am quite well tho' it is quite cold & a fire is comfortable. P. Chave God bless you and the dear dear children

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